



Gallatin County Fairgrounds Events Park

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Foundation - BBQ/Dance Fundraiser

February 12 ... As part of WinterFest, the Gallatin County FAIRGROUNDS FOUNDATION is hosting a family night of great food, silent auction and Honky-Tonk with Bozeman's own "Ten Foot Tall & 80 Proof" band. BBQ Rib Dinner begins at 6:30pm in Exhibit Building #1 on Friday, Feb. 12 with boot scootin' music starting at 8:00pm. Full cash bar serving adult beverages.

Silent Auction Items

Guided Fly Fishing Float Trip on the Yellowstone River
Harvest Day & Ranch Supper at Leep Hay & Grain Ranch
Gallatin County Fair Family Package
with many more great items ...



Tickets - \$25 per Person

Includes BBQ Dinner, WinterFest Admission, Band
And Fairgrounds Foundation Membership

TICKETS ONLY AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE

at the Holiday Inn Bozeman or the Fairgrounds Office

Contact Info: 587-4561 Ext. 400
or the Fairgrounds Office at 582-3270



WILD
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FEBRUARY
12 - 14

Bozeman Home Show ... Jan 22 - 24

The Bozeman Home Show at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds is an event designed for homeowners in all stages of remodeling, landscaping and decorating their homes. With a combination of new products and expert advice from the pros, the Home Show inspires homeowners with countless ideas on enhancing their home's comfort and functionality, as well as its aesthetic appeal and overall value.

Whether you are a new homeowner or someone who has lived in your house for years, anyone with an interest to update, enhance and create a new look or amenity for their home will enjoy the Bozeman Home Show. Almost any home product or service that you can imagine will be represented at the show. You'll have a chance to see samples of products such as the newest in flooring and walkways to transform your home and add to its appeal. View displays of kitchens, baths, windows, doors, appliances, furnishings, spas, pools, fireplaces, sunrooms and so much more. Come with ideas, photos and an open mind, You'll leave with inspiration!

FRIDAY 4pm - 8pm SATURDAY 10am - 6pm SUNDAY 10am - 4pm

FREE ADMISSION - MAKE SURE TO REGISTER FOR FREE PRIZES.

Visit: www.bozemanhomeshow.com

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The Gallatin Dog Club ... An AKC All-Breed Dog Club

The club had its beginnings in September, 1956. Its original purpose was to focus on assisting the community in its acceptance of dogs through obedience training, classes and sanctioned matches and trials sponsored by the American Kennel Club. Essentially, the **Club started out as an "Obedience Club"**. **AKC approval for the first Sanctioned Show & Obedience Match** was received in July 1957 and we were on our way.

The Gallatin Dog Club held its first Licensed Dog Show and Obedience Trial on May 1, 1959 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Today, we hold two Licensed Dog Shows, Obedience and Rally Trials in September as a cooperative effort with the Helena Montana Kennel Club as part of the Fall Roundup Cluster. The dog shows are the main event of the year for the Gallatin Dog Club, attracting approximately 1,000 dogs and their handlers/owners/families from over 40 states and Canada.



GDC members Christie & Von and Von's Yorkshire Terrier, Ardie.

In addition to the dog shows, performance and obedience continue to play a vital **role in the Gallatin Dog Club's purpose**. **During the first weekend of June, you will find dog enthusiasts from all over the area and surrounding states in Bozeman for three days at the annual June AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally Trials**. In February, 2010, we will begin offering Obedience Practice Sessions for two hours every Thursday night in Building #3 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. These sessions will be manned by GDC members and open to anyone who would like to learn and/or practice obedience with their dogs.

The best part of the GDC is its members. Our members are dog enthusiasts; participating as breeders, trainers, competitors, and therapy dog teams. We provide breeder referral and are available to teach others about the proper care and treatment of dogs. Within our membership, we have a multitude of experience, education and common sense. We are currently working with Gallatin County and the City of Bozeman to develop an emergency response protocol for animals; both in the home and on the farm.

In February, at the 2010 Wild West WinterFest held at the Fairgrounds, we will be presenting our "Second Annual Meet the Breeds". This is an opportunity for our community to come and meet our dogs, learn about different breeds and talk to knowledgeable members about their dogs and different breeds in general.

You can find out more about the Gallatin Dog Club at <http://gallatindogclub.org>. If you need assistance with anyone "dog", please don't hesitate to contact one of our members. Article by:

German Shepherd,
Tripp - happy to be
training with me!



Becky Roeder, Past President
Gallatin Dog Club



FAIRGROUNDS LOST & FOUND

Have you lost or misplaced something at the Fairgrounds?

There is a "lost & found" box located in the main entryway at the Fairgrounds office. You are free to look through the items or call us at 582-3270.

The office is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We are now on MYSPACE & FACEBOOK! Visit us and be our Friends at



www.myspace.com/gallatincountyfairgrounds

www.facebook.com/gallatincountyfairgrounds



JANUARY Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

Jan 1	CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY		
Jan 7	Gallatin County Weed Board Meeting	1:15pm	Fairgrounds Office
	Wild West WinterFest Committee Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
Jan 8	Fairgrounds Foundation <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	6:30am - 8am	Holiday Inn
Jan 9	Battle of the Breeds - 1st Preliminary <i>(Contestants Meeting at 9:30am)</i>	10am - 5pm	Indoor Arena
Jan 14	Fair Planning Meeting	Cancelled	
	Gallatin Dog Club Practice	6pm - 8pm	Livestock Barn #3
Jan 16	Gallatin Saddle & Harness Club Riding	12pm - 4pm	Indoor Arena
Jan 17	Galloping Dog Agility Club - Fun Match	12pm - 3pm	Indoor Arena
Jan 19	Fair Board Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
Jan 21	Wild West WinterFest Committee Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
Jan 22 - 24	KBOZ Bozeman Home Show <i>(Free Admission)</i>	4pm - 8pm Fri 10am - 6pm Sat 10am - 4pm Sun	All Exhibit Bldgs
Jan 24	Battle of the Breeds - 2nd Preliminary <i>(Contestants Meeting at 9:30am)</i>	10am - 5pm	Indoor Arena
Jan 29 - 31	Great Rockies Sport Show <i>(Admission: \$6 Adults; \$3 6-12 yrs.; 5 & under free)</i>	4pm - 8pm Fri 10am - 6pm Sat 10am - 4pm Sun	All Exhibit Bldgs
Jan 30	Gallatin Saddle & Harness Club Riding	12pm - 4pm	Indoor Arena
Jan 31	Galloping Dog Agility Club - Fun Match	12pm - 3pm	Indoor Arena



Visit our website for updated schedule information

www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org



Great Rockies Sport Show ... Jan 29 - 31

The Great Rockies Sport Show is where south central Montana sportsmen and women gather under one roof for three days, visit with exhibitors and other outdoor experts to get ideas, buy products and book vacations for their outdoor adventures. Exhibitors from Alaska, Canada, Africa and surrounding Western states will be on hand with the latest in goods and services for your fishing, hunting, camping and vacation pursuits! Special features include boats, campers, wildlife discovery center, big game heads and horns competition, wall of fish display, fly tying demos, NW big game display, seminars, Dutch oven cooking, adventure films, kids trout pond, camp cooking and more! There are a lot of kids activities too.

Friday night is "family night" where all kids 12 years and under get in free.

Admission is good all weekend

FRIDAY 4pm - 8pm SATURDAY 10am - 6pm SUNDAY 10am - 4pm

ADMISSION - Adults \$6; 6-12 yrs, \$3; 5 & under are free

Visit: www.greatrockiesshow.com



Marketing Minute - Our Business Buddy

Owenhouse ACE Hardware
Service and Sales Since 1879
36 E. MAIN • DOWNTOWN BOZEMAN • 587-5401

If you had a chance to visit Downtown Bozeman over the Holiday season you would have seen the great lights and decorations that adorned the street area. With all the holiday shopping going on, the Fairgrounds staff hopes you had a chance to visit a downtown store that is synonymous with great items, fabulous employees that are always helpful, and a cornerstone in the Bozeman community - Owenhouse Ace Hardware. Owenhouse Ace Hardware has been a supporter of the Gallatin County Fairgrounds and the community for many years and has helped to keep the Wild West WinterFest and Gallatin County Fair a thriving community event. Owenhouse is located on Main Street in downtown Bozeman and their new store on Huffine Lane has something for everyone. From housewares, yard tools, to work materials there are so many great products for each person that walks in the door. Owenhouse has been in business since 1879 serving the Gallatin Valley and continues to provide top notch customer service. **If you haven't had a chance over the holidays to visit Owenhouse Ace hardware please make time to go in and see what they have for you!**

*Jaime Cargill
Marketing Manager*

ONLINE ENTRIES FOR WINTERFEST

ENTER
ONLINE
NOW!



You can enter ONLINE now through February 7 for the following:

- * Quilt Show
- * Photography Show
- * Children's Art Show
- * Doxie Derby
- * Dog Keg Pull Contest
- * Fun with Dogs
- * Canine Talent
- * Dog Free Style Dance
- * Puppy Parade
- * Adolescent Parade
- * Rabbit & Poultry Show
- * Working Horse & Driver
- * Battle of the Breeds Preliminaries (Jan. 9 & 24)

You can find more entry forms, rules and details on other events at WinterFest at

www.wildwestwinterfest.org

WILD WEST WINTERFEST ... February 12 - 14



Mark your calendar and plan on getting out to enjoy the Gallatin County Fairgrounds signature event; the Wild West WinterFest. There will be lots of FUN for the whole family ... you won't want to miss this! Returning is "Ten Foot Tall & 80 Proof" on Friday evening and "Western Skies" on Saturday evening offering boot-scootin' dancing. The All-Breed Horse Sale preview is Friday evening with the sale starting at noon on Saturday. Returning favorites include the Dog Keg-Pull Contest, McLien's Farm Barn, Packer's Scramble, Renegade Ice Bogs, Lou's Petting Zoo, the Working Horse & Driver Contest, Hockey Tournament, Sweetheart Fur & Feather Show, the Frontier Mercantile, Kids Activities, and much, much MORE. You can also participate by entering your quilts in the open Quilt Show, your favorite photograph in the open Photography Show and even your children can enter their art work in the Children's Art Show.

Looks like fun ... make plans to experience the Wild West WinterFest!



Need a Weekend “Lift” to Bridger Bowl?

Bridger Bowl will once again operate weekend FREE skier busses. The Park-N-Ride bus will make multiple round trips from the Gallatin County Fairgrounds to the ski hill.

The FREE kids bus will operate on Saturdays, Sundays, Bozeman school holidays and spring break (except Christmas day). The kids

bus will leave from McDonald's on Main Street and stop at the Fairgrounds for pickup. The main parking lot at the Fairgrounds will also be designated as the parking area for all carpooling skiers and riders.

Please check the following website for departure times and possible schedule changes:

www.bridgerbowl.com/themountain/skierbus

Bridger Bowl opens December 11 and runs through April 4, 2010. Daily hours at the ski hill are 9am - 4pm and on Christmas 10am - 4pm.



FairEver Yours ...

2009 has come and gone and we are starting a new year – A NEW DECADE. Each year goes by a little faster than the previous year. January is a strange time of year for me as I get a bit depressed as Christmas passes, but I also get excited about the new year and the new experiences and opportunities it will bring.

For my family, 2009 was a very special year. My daughter gave birth to a beautiful baby girl and our little grandson became two years old in September. We all came through the year in good health, we all have jobs, warm homes, food on the table and lots of love. What more could we ask?

My Fairgrounds family had some ups and downs. One of my staff became a grandma for a second time. She was blessed with a happy, healthy granddaughter this fall. Some of her happiest times are spent with her very busy, very precocious, two year old granddaughter. Another staff member announced that his daughter became engaged and they are looking forward to having a new son-in-law. Another saw her oldest son off to college on academic and athletic scholarships.

We have great new family members who are hardworking people and they care about the community and the Fairgrounds. We have also

had some sadness, with one staff member losing a son and another who was diagnosed with a serious illness (doing much better now). All in all we have had a great year here at the Fairgrounds. We have been

***“the world according to Sue -
things that I have learned in
the past 60 years”***

extremely busy with new events and the events that have become traditions. There is never a dull moment and there is certainly never time to be bored. Time flies by!

Looking back over the years, we all learn there are good and happy times and there are times when we really need to focus on the positive and lean on friends and family a little. We must remember we are not alone – ever! Here is the world according to Sue - things that I have learned in the past 60 years:

- *Appreciate every single day
- *Be positive
- *Work hard
- *Play hard
- *Give lots of hugs
- *Talk to every baby we see
- *Spend time with animals
- *Enjoy meeting new people and accepting them for who they are
- *Enjoy your family and accept them for who they are

- *Never be a human being – always be a human doing
- *Say what we mean and mean what we say
- *Sing even if someone can hear us
- *Sometimes be silent and be still
- *Listen
- *Never stop learning
- *Smile – even when things aren't the greatest

Okay – that's it for now. I'm not much of a philosopher, but I honestly try to do the things on my list. **I haven't always – but now that I'm “older” I realize no one can make me happy but me and being happy is so much better than being a “Grinch”.**

We are anticipating an extra special year at the Fairgrounds. I say **that each January and I haven't** been disappointed yet. The Wild West WinterFest is only about six weeks away and the County Fair only six months away. We always have something to look forward to at the Fairgrounds, but we can look at the past and appreciate where we have been and we certainly always enjoy today, because it is the present!

MY WISHES TO ALL OF YOU FOR
A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*FairEver Yours,
Sue Shockley, Manager*